

C3 GROUP QUESTIONS

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Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- “The 3 Reasons We Love Our Pets So Much: They only know and breathe connection”

"We are born in relationships, wounded in relationships, and heal in relationships." — Harville Hendrix

When we tell our troubles and stressors to other humans, they usually start problem-solving when what we need most when is connection, understanding, and empathy. Most pets, especially most dogs, are not only naturally perfect at this but also genetically wired to provide this for us.

If you're reading this, the odds are you know how special it is to get home to a pet that had been waiting for you, literally all day. Our obsession with pets, I believe, reveals what we really want from human relationships; to feel deeply understood, valued, loved, important, and special unconditionally... (Linder, JN., Psychology Today, accessed 11/11/22, , <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/relationship-and-trauma-insights/2022/04/the-3-reasons-we-love-our-pets-so-much>)

- What are your thoughts on the excerpt of this article?

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) Scripture/Observation:

- A. Read Isaiah 6:1-6. Imagine if you experienced what Isaiah experienced in this passage. Describe how you might think and feel. (Also read Revelation 4.)

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B. Read Matthew 28:19. How do you describe or explain the trinity (a term not used in scripture)? What other verse(s) from scripture refer to or imply the trinity?

C. Read John 3:16-17, Romans 5:7-11, Colossians 1:21-22, Ephesians 3:18-19. Describe how God's love transcends our understanding of love.

D. According to 1 John 3:16, how do we know what real love is? How should this knowledge affect our actions toward others?

E. Read John 15:9-12. How do we remain in God's love?

2) Application:

What benefits do you think there may be in a detailed look into the love of God?

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3) Prayer: As you pray, ask God for opportunities to demonstrate your love for him and others. Also ask him to reveal distractions in your life that are hindering you from giving all your love to him and others.

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. (Eph. 3:18-19 NLT)